Fast Track Power Project

3943. SHRI TARIQ ANWAR : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) the total fast track power projects pending with the Union Government for clearance; and

(b) the time by these projects are likely to be cleared?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (DR. S. VENUGOPALACHARI) : (a) As on date, four fast track power projects are pending for issue of counter guarantee.

(b) Issue of the counter guarantee for these projects would be considered after the Power Purchase Agreements are finalised to the satisfaction of the Government of India.

Water Supply and Environmental Sanitation

3944. SHRI UTTAM SINGH PAWAR : Will the Minister of RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state :

(a) the details of Rural Water Supply and Environmental Sanitation Projects in Uttar Pradesh set up from the World Bank loan;

(b) whether the Government are aware that more than 52% of the projects set up are not functioning;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether responsibilities have since been fixed in this regard; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI CHANDRADEO PRASAD VARMA) : (a) Rural Water Supply and Environmental Sanitation Projects in Uttar Pradesh covers 2505 villages in 25 districts at an estimated cost of 783.38 crores.

(b) No report has been received from Government of Uttar Pradesh in this regard.

(c) to (e). Do not arise.

Reservation Policy

3945. SHRI JAGDAMBI PRASAD YADAV : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether instructions have been issued for reservation of OBCs in Civil Services under Government of India and its Public Sector Undertakings, Banks and Insurance Corporations;

(b) if so, most of the PSUs, Public Sector Banks etc. are not following reservation policy of the Government scrupulously;

(c) if so, the action taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to ensure reservation in such organisations; and

(d) whether Government propose to implement reservation for OBCs in the autonomous institutions bodies wholly or partially financed or aided by the Central Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI S.R. BALASUBRAMONIYAN) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No such lapse has come to notice.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) Instructions for providing reservation for the OBCs in such Organisations already exist.

Fire in Seepree Depot

3946. SHRI MRUTYUNJAYA NAYAK : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether there was a fierce fire in the Seepree Depot of the Indian Oil Corporation in Jhansi District recently;

(b) if so, the estimated loss;

(c) the details of human lives lost in the said fire;

(d) whether any high level enquiry has been conducted; and

(e) if so, the time by which the report is likely to be submitted to the Union Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) Yes, Sir. The fire occured on 19-11-1996 at the Jhansi Depot of the Indian Oil Corporation Ltd.

(b) The estimated loss is given below :

Product loss	:	Value Rs. 3.12 Lakhs.
TLF Cost	:	Rs. 21.00 Lakhs.
Loss of TTS	:	Total loss : 7 TTS.
		Partial Loss : 5 TTS.

(c) 9 persons died as a result of the fire.

(d) Yes, Sir. A high level committee headed by a General Manager of IOC, incorporating a representative of the Oil Industry Safety Directorate was appointed to enquire into the accident.

(e) The report of the enquiry was submitted to the Government on 30-11-1996.